

March 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington St.

Present: Tom Brown, John Spillane, Patrick Fasanello, and William Abbott. Also Rick Mattson,
Supt. of Sewer and Water.
Absent: John Hasenjaeger

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT

Mr. Mattson reports things have been quiet which is giving his staff the opportunity to provide some needed maintenance such as valve boxes that have been sheared by the plows and would become a hazard to motor vehicles. He also reports that Wright-Pierce has some data that needs to be verified regarding the dioxane and once done they will send the report to DEP for review. He says the pilot program was very successful and removed the dioxane to undetectable levels. Mr. Fasanello asks if we have done anything about the billing and Mr. Mattson suggests having Town Counsel back to get the proper approach. The Board agrees with this. The water main designs are 90% complete and there will then be a bid package and expects the project to begin at the end of the summer which is okay as they are all dead end streets. The ice pigging has been set back a week and will begin on April 23rd as there were issues with the trucks freezing. He plans to start on Lincoln Rd./West St., then School St./Stone St., and is hopeful to get Old North St. The tank mixing contracts have been signed. It is asked if the Selectmen have voted our articles and they were on last week's agenda however they never got to them. It is asked that it be looked into and the Board be notified when they will be discussed. Mr. Brown asks if there is a water pressure problem on the upper end of Common Street and Mr. Mattson responds that there has always been a problem there and the only solution is to loop the main. He adds that he has it in capital but is not sure what year he scheduled it for. There is discussion on how this loop could be achieved.

PLANNING BD. & ZBA COMMENT REQUEST – 1327 MAIN ST. SITE PLAN & SPEC. PMT.

Mr. Mattson says this is the former gas station/auto repair on the corner of Main St. and Norfolk St. Mr. Fasanello asks how we would know there is no longer any gas there and the answer is that they would have to get certified. Mr. Fasanello says he would like a note to the Planning Board stating we would like it verified that the tanks were removed properly. **Motion Made** by Tom Brown that a letter is sent to the Planning Board stating that this Board would like make sure there is clarification that this site is a clean site and free of all petroleum's. Second by William Abbott. Vote 4-0-0.

SATM SEWER AND WATER ARTICLE BACKUP

Mr. Mattson explains that these documents are the handouts for Town Meeting explaining our articles. He has not yet included Article 7 which is the authority to negotiate a connection with the MWRA. He needs to know what the Board would like to do with this article. Mr. Brown says he would like all members to be present for this vote and asks that it be put on the next agenda. The first thing the Board needs to decide is how much water they want to ask for. Mr. Spillane asks if there is a time limit and Mr. Mattson says no. Mr. Fasanello says once you become a member the amount can be adjusted. Mr. Brown would like to know if this connection would negatively affect our employees as he has heard this has been brought up again. This is to be put on the next agenda when there is a full board.

7:15 APPT. DAVID WAKEFIELD/ROB TRUAX – NICHOLS POND SUBDIVISION

Mr. Truax says they came to this Board back in September. It is the property of Mr. Wakefield. They had originally proposed to bring the water line out to Barachiah to maintain a loop however in effort to

minimize disruption and keep wooded areas; they are here to propose a different route. They now would like to loop the line by traveling to the previously proposed Isaac's Path and back out to East Street. There is discussion. Mr. Mattson says ideally Barachiah would be the better route however this proposal still loops and it works. Mr. Fasanello talks of tunneling and Mr. Wakefield says all options have been investigated and this would be the least disruptive. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to concur with the comments of the Town Engineer and to approve of the approach of looping the water main as proposed tonight by the applicants. Second by John Spillane. Vote 3-1-0, Fasanello against.

SUBDIVISION DECISION – 26 BAKER ST.

This is a subdivision decision and it is read and noted.

SITE PLAN DECISION – 255 UNION ST

This is a subdivision decision. Mr. Brown says our conditions were not included in the decision and he is told that is not usually the case, this Board has authority over water and sewer issues. He asks that a letter be sent to the applicant reminding him of the agreement. It will be done.

LETTER OF CONCERNS – RE: 767-777 EAST ST

The Board feels the concerns expressed are conservation issues. Mr. Fasanello wonders since it was unfit for municipal buildings why it is okay for private use. Mr. Abbott says it is not in our aquifer and perhaps the owner decided to take the risk. Mr. Fasanello feels it would have been a great place for our public safety buildings.

ARLINGTON LANE UTILITY LOCATION CORRESPONDENCE

This is informational and is read and noted.

Mr. Fasanello speaks of the rehabilitation on the water tank and the antenna that was installed. Mr. Mattson says the old style was replaced with a new style. He would like the Superintendent to be notified of any work on our water towers so that he can notify this Board.

The MWRA water connection is discussed again. Mr. Mattson says he sent out emails to accumulate questions so that the Board could pass them on and he has only heard from Mr. Abbott. These were sent to the MWRA and he passed them on and got quick responses. The questions asked are discussed and the responses shared. Mr. Brown asks if connected what circumstances would be the grounds to open the valve to the MWRA. Mr. Mattson answers that it would be if we lost a tank to contamination, if Washington 6 or Mine Brook 2 went down, if we had a catastrophic water main break, or something similar to these examples. There is then discussion on there being an assessment and Mr. Mattson says it would be based on the amount of water taken; all our options would have to be expended before we could take their water and it would be a joint decision between the town and the MWRA of how much water to take. The water prices are compared and Mr. Spillane feels their water would be quite expensive and Mr. Abbott says that would be the price you pay if it is needed. There is discussion on Siemen's directly connecting to the MWRA, where it would still be Walpole's water and Siemen's could pay the Town of Walpole a surcharge. Mr. Brown says the people need numbers. He asks that an email be sent to all the Commissioners reminding them to provide questions to Mr. Mattson with a deadline of a week from Friday. There is discussion on having Town Counsel present regarding any legal issues that might be involved. There is also discussion on whether or not we will be prepared with all the answers for this Town Meeting or if the article should be put off until the Fall Town Meeting.

Mr. Abbott speaks of the help he received from office staff Judy and Kelli who provided all the registers from FY17 so the actual year can be replayed. He was able to run a sample and 80 or 81% would get a reduction. He would like to see if there could be a 3rd system to parallel bill however he does not know how much work that would be. He wants to make sure we do not come up short. He would like to hold a

workshop with David, another Finance Dept. person, Water Dept. office and the Commissioners on a Tuesday evening. This will be arranged.

Motion Made by William Abbott to adjourn. Second by John Spillane. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Accepted April 9, 2018